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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 14, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, our Creator, You are the source of love and of life. You want us to have life and the fullness of life as members of society and as a nation.

By Your Divine Providence, the full expression of love for You, Almighty God, as well as love of neighbor, begins with the realization of the unique personhood in each and every member within the family. It is there we learn the great task of love, how to accept love and show love in return. Human life teaches us that neither friendship nor patriotism can take the place of family in helping us find our place of fitting in or belonging.

Lord, may the prism of family life prove to be the instrument of discernment for the Members of Congress as they formulate laws and policies for the good of this Nation.

May You bless the families of Congress and this Nation so this common ground may give You glory, both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY).

Mr. QUIGLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, right now, 15 million out-of-work Americans are waiting on the Senate to extend unemployment benefits which contribute to paying mortgages, health care bills, utility bills and the cost of food when there isn't a paycheck coming in.

The Democrats' unemployment bill will provide up to 99 weeks of unemployment checks, averaging about \$300, to people whose 26 weeks of State-paid benefits have run out. The benefits would be extended through the end of November. In a new Washington Post-ABC News poll released July 13, more than six in ten Americans support congressional action to extend unemployment benefits for jobless workers.

Earlier this month, the House passed the Restoration of Emergency Unem-

ployment Compensation Act to restore and extend emergency unemployment benefits through November 30. Americans know these benefits not only are much needed, but they are their life support.

CONGRATULATING THE PATRIOTS OF PACE HIGH SCHOOL ON BE- COMING THE REGION 1, CLASS 5A BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today and congratulate the Patriots of Pace High School for becoming the Region 1, Class 5A baseball state champions.

Pace High School's varsity baseball team, led by Coach Charlie Warner, finished the season with an impressive 31-2 record. The Patriots went unbeaten against Florida competition and won their last 25 games.

For their dominance on the baseball diamond, the Patriots of Pace High earned a number one ranking from ESPN and were crowned ESPN's RISE F'AB 50 national champions.

Now, while the Patriots achieved their goal and brought home a state championship, it was not done without countless hours of practice and immeasurable amounts of sacrifice. The time they spent together on and off the field will not only be remembered for capturing a second state title in 5 years, but the forged friendships and lessons learned will never be forgotten.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Pace High School's baseball team on winning their fourth state championship. My wife Vicki and I are extremely proud of these young men.

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